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1. Five freight trains were loaded at Finsterwalde and probably dispatched to Brand between 6 and 11 January.
 2. Trains with material and airforce soldiers arrived daily at Brand and Welzow airfields between 6 and 10 January.
 3. The unloading of three Soviet trains was observed at Brand airfield on 13 January.¹
 4. Two freight trains loaded with equipment and boxes were standing on the classification tracks at the New-Petershain railroad station near Welzow on 8 January. Two trains with a total of 90 cars including twelve tank cars stood on the Welzow airfield spur track.²
 5. Billeting equipment was being loaded by airforce soldiers at the Cottbus railroad station between 12 to 15 January.
1. [REDACTED] Comment: The information in paragraphs 1 - 3 confirms the transfer of the bomber regiment from Finsterwalde to Brand.

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2. [] Comment: The bomber regiment from Jueterbog was transferred to Welzow on five trains in mid-December. It has not yet been determined whether the newly observed trains carried a rear detail from Jueterbog or whether another unit was transferred to Welzow. According to available information, the quartering space at Welzow is adequate only for one bomber regiment and its OATB.

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3. [] Comment: It is believed that the supply unit was transferred. This unit was probably stationed at Cottbus airfield with the Soviet training regiment which is charged with the training of VP pilots.

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